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SUBJECT: CAMBODIANS RELEASE JAPANESE NEWSMAN, THAI NATIONAL

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1. CAMBODIANS RELEASED JAPANESE NEWSMAN MABUCHI APRIL 26 AND, REPORTEDLY, AN ELDERLY THAI NATIONAL ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT POIPET. THE TWO HAD CROSSED INTO CAMBODIA APRIL 19, MABUCHI BECAUSE HE HOPED TO RECEIVE PERMISSION TO VISIT PHNOM PENH, WHICH CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES TOLD HIM WOULD REQUIRE "MANY DAYS" TO OBTAIN.

2. IN COMMENTS TO PRESS, MABUCHI SAID HE WAS WELL-TREATED, HELD IN A HOUSE IN POIPET WHERE THE THAI AND TWO OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NATIONALITIES HE DID NOT KNOW WERE ALSO BEING DETAINED. HE DENIED THAT HE WAS BEATEN, THEN SAID LATER THE KC APOLOGIZED FOR BEATING HIM WITH RIFLE BUTTS. MABUCHI CLAIMED THAT LIFE IN POIPET WAS NORMAL, UNLIKE WHAT WAS BEING REPORTED IN THE PRESS; HE SAID ONLY YOUNG KC SOLDIERS WERE LIVING IN THE AREA OF TOWN WHERE HE WAS KEPT, WITH NO SHOPS OPEN OR FAMILIES PRESENT.

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3. ALTHOUGH MABUCHI WAS QUESTIONED BY THE POIPET

"POLITICAL COMMITTEE," HIS MAIN CONTACT WAS WITH KC SOLDIERS, WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED LOCKHEED SCANDAL AND SITUATION IN LAOS AND THAILAND (MABUCHI SPEAKS SOME CAMBODIAN.) WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT CAMBODIAN SUBJECTS, INCLUDING SIHANOUK'S RESIGNATION, THEY SAID THEY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT POLITICS. THEY DENIED THAT THERE WERE EXECUTIONS OR MISTREATMENT OF CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

4.
COMMENT: MABUCHI'S LEFTIST LEANINGS ARE WELL KNOWN TO HIS COLLEAGUES AND, PRESUMABLY, TO CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES WHO ORDERED HIS RELEASE. HIS STORY, WITH ITS CONTRADICTIONS, IS UNDOUBTEDLY DESIGNED TO KEEP HIS CREDENTIALS WITH THE KC IN GOOD SHAPE. HIS DESCRIPTION OF LIFE IN CAMBODIA IS TOO SUPERFICIAL TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.
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